

**METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR A HYBRID NETWORK DEVICE
FOR PERFORMING IN A VIRTUAL PRIVATE NETWORK AND A
WIRELESS LOCAL AREA NETWORK**

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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A method and apparatus for a hybrid network device for performing
in a virtual private network (VPN) and a wireless local area network
(WLAN) are provided. The hybrid network device comprises a VPN
10 module serving as a VPN hardware accelerator in a WLAN module, which
performs in the WLAN, wherein the hybrid network device integrates WLAN
and VPN capabilities into one device.